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Letter To Forum

Appomattox, Va.
March 5, 1976

The Council of the Town of Appomattox
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Members of the Council:

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Appomattox, Virginia, with a membership of 76 ladies interested in the betterment of the community, do hereby petition the Town Council to seriously consider retaining the building known as the New Appomattox Hotel. We feel that this building could be put to many profitable uses and furthermore retain a part of Old Appomattox.

We realize that this is not an antebellum, a war-time, nor a reconstruction piece of architecture, but it is of a period that complements the Town and County of Appomattox, and in years past was known not only in Southside Virginia but throughout the State for its Southern hospitality and its delectable cruisine.

We feel that keeping this building for multiple purposes which would bring in revenue, would be more profitable to the Town than a parking lot which could prove to be a liability.

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A Great Natural Resource Being Overlooked

While Americans are being warned to conserve certain of our country's natural resources, we are wasting -- through lack of use -- one of its greatest of all resources, its older workers.

There are 74 million people 40 years of age or older in this country. Many are out of work and cannot find a job, forced out of the job market because of the prejudice against older workers. Like other prejudices, it makes no sense when compared to the facts. Studies have brought to light many important points, such as: functional ability is the true measurement of a person's working capacity; employment of middle-aged and older workers results in significant savings to employers through reduced sick leave, lower turnover and fewer job-related accidents.

National Employ the Older Worker Week is being observed March 8-12, 1976, and this is a good time for all of us to examine our attitudes toward older workers. Employers should give special thought to this great source of reliable, productive employees. The person 40 and over looking for a job should assess his or her abilities and experience and be confident when seeking a job.

The Virginia Employment Commission is planning three seminars to assist the older worker, one on March 10 at the Commission Office, 1912 Memorial Ave., from 9 until 12 o'clock, for workers between the ages of 40 and 65 interested in professional or clerical work; one on March 11, at the same hour and place for older workers seeking any other type of employment, and one on March 12, from 11 to 12 o'clock for employers.

Employers sometimes shy away from hiring the older worker. However, studies show that workers hired after the age of 40 tended to attain a higher performance rating within a shorter period of time than those hired before the age of 30. Peak performance was reached between the ages of 51 and 55 in one survey, and between the ages of 56 and 60 in another. Workers in the age group 61 and over lost fewer man-work days than those in the age group below 50. Older workers have great job stability and good records of continued acceptance by the employer once they are hired.

"Time doesn't diminish our eagerness to work or change our lifetime habits of self-discipline or teamwork," states Mr. Hoyt Catlin, President Fertl, Inc. "We've had less absenteeism and employee turnover than any firm of our size that I know of," he continues. The average age of his employees is sixty-eight.

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act offers protection to people, age 40-65 years of age, from discrimination in such matters as hiring, discharge, leave, compensation, promotions, and the like. One of the main purposes of the bill, just as the purpose of this National Employ the Older Worker Week, is to promote employment of people 40 and over based on ability. The law also offers help to both the employer and the worker is solving any problems which might arise regarding the job from the impact of age.

In this bicentennial year, let us remember, ability is ageless.

Seeding Your Lawn

By Cornell B. Goldman, Extension Agent

Good turfgrass for home lawns, parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and other areas has acquired an importance never known before. Turf areas must not only be attractive but also be useful.

The use of adapted species and mixtures of turfgrass results in a lawn that is better able to withstand the greater traffic imposed by recreation or sports or whatever. The correct variety of grass for your lawn should not be a "hit or miss" selection.

For the Appomattox area of the state some varieties of mixtures of varieties that are recommended include:

(1) Certified Ky (Kentucky) 31 Tall Fescue seed at a rate of 6 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. of lawn area: (for open or shaded areas).

(2) A mixture of 90% Certified Kentucky 31 Tall Fescue and 10% Certified Kentucky Bluegrass seeded at the rate of 6 lbs. per 100 square feet of lawn area; (for open or shaded areas).

(3) A mixture of Certified Kentucky Bluegrasses (up to 80%) and Red Fescue (20% to 50%). This mixture should be used for shaded areas only and can be expected to require special management practices in Southern Virginia.

Your lawn for this area of the state should be seeded in February or March or in the fall from September thru mid October. The following are guidelines to follow in preparing and feeding a lawn:

(1) Have your contractor save your topsoil when bulldozing your housesite.

(2) Complete all leveling and grading before you attempt to seed your lawn. Be sure that the sub grade slopes from your house.

(3) Remove all debris, rock and clods of soil from the lawn site.

(4) Soil test if possible.

(5) As a general rule of thumb apply 50 lbs. of 5-10-5 per 1000 sq. ft., or 25 lbs. of 10-20-10. Also if you fail to soil test apply 80-100 lbs. of ground limestone per 1000 sq. ft. of lawn area. (There are other ways to get the needed nutrients).

(6) Work your fertilizer and lime 4 to 6 inches into the soil. Rake to level the lawn area removing rocks and debris as you go along.

(7) Divide your seed into equal parts. Sow in cross-directions. Mix your seed in clean sawdust or other suitable material to aid in getting uniform coverage.

(8) Cover your seed by raking or rolling. Your completed seed bed should have a shallow depression 1/2 inch deep and 1-2 inches apart.

(9) Mulch the area with straw so that 1/2 the soil surface is covered. Remove this when your seedings are about 2 inches tall. Water as needed after seeding to aid in getting your seedlings established.

(10) Begin mowing when your grass seedlings are three inches tall. Mow to a height of 2 to 2½ inches.

For additional information feel free to call your Appomattox County Extension Office (352-8244).

The Pastor Speaks

God Tells Us What To Believe

What is it that you believe about Jesus Christ? Does the content of your faith come from a study and commitment to the Written Word of God about the Living Word -Jesus Christ? We learn what we are to believe from none other than from the Word of God. As God's Born-again sons and daughters we do not tell God nor each other what we will or will not believe. Rather,as His Born-again sons & daughters we are told by Him what to believe. If we are not His loyal sons and daughters them confessions, creeds and doctrines have little meaning. The point is this: not what you or I might choose to believe. But, what do we understand the Bible teaches. What did the friends of Jesus believe? What did Peter believe after the Resurrection? What did John believe after Jesus arose from the dead? What did Paul believe after he met Jesus? Doesn't that seem like the best beginning point in the search for what to believe? The early church believed the testimony of the Apostles through the witness of the Holy Spirit. Shouldn't you and I?

Everett A. Hellmuth
Presbyterian Church
Pamplin, Virginia

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

Lesson For March 14, 1976

Topic: Parables of Repentance and Obedience
Scripture: Matthew 21:6-22:14
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 3:2

The several parables reported by Matthew, which have been selected as the basis for this week's International Sunday School lesson, were directed to the Jews who had refused to recognize Jesus as Messiah and heed His teaching. They are parables not only on repentance and obedience, but also parables of rejection and of choices and priorities. Jesus spoke them in the court of the temple on that eventful Tuesday of Passover week. Matthew, Mark, and Luke relate more of what Jesus did and said on that day than on any other day of His earthly ministry. This is fitting, for it was the last day of His public ministry.

The challenge to Jesus has become more intense and determined. He had hardly begun teaching in the temple court that morning when the chief priests and elders challenged His authority. He put them on the horns of a dilemma with His question about the authority for John's baptism. When they declined to answer His question, He excused Himself from answering theirs. Then Jesus told a series of parables which conveyed the message that those who rejected Him would be rejected by God.

In the first of these parables, Jesus compared the response of His hearers to that of two sons who were told by their father to work in the vineyard. It was obviously the family vineyard, where the sons would be working for their own benefit as well as their father's. One refused at first, but later changed his mind and went. The other promised to go but did not.

This parable has a contemporary significance as well as meaning for the immediate situation. These are not the only responses people make to the message of the gospel, but are two which people still make. Some reject at first, but later change and accept. Some say they will commit their lives to God, but do not. Referring again to John the Baptist, Jesus said that the tax collectors and harlots, so despised by the leaders of the religious establishment, despite their past lives, would go into the kingdom of heaven before the religious leaders because they repented at John's preaching. Obedience consists in doing, not merely agreeing.

In the second parable, Jesus compared the religious leaders to tenants who leased a vineyard from absentee owners When the owner sent servants to collect his share of the fruit, the tenants beat, stoned, even killed the servants. These were the prophets through whom God had spoken in the past. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son also. Jesus let His hearers pronounce the judgment on the wicked tenants: they would be put to death, and the vineyard would be leased to others who would pay the owner what was due him.

To drive home the lesson of the parable, Jesus quoted from the Psalms (118:22-23) that the stone the builders had rejected had been made the cornerstone of the structure. Those God had earlier called to build the structure of faith had rejected the stone He had provided. Then the supreme Architect Himself made this rejected stone the cornerstone of that building. This quotation speaks to our discernment of spiritual ears and values.

Two other parables compare the kingdom of God to a wedding feast, a familiar comparison in Jesus' teaching. The wedding feast is a joyous, festive occasion; so should involvement in the kingdom of God be. In the first parable those who rejected the invitation insulted and angered the king who had prepared the feast for his son. Those who rejected the invitation were destroyed. Others were invited, and these came and filled the banquet hall. In the second parable, one of the guests had neglected to put on the festal garment. He did not properly honor the king's invitation. Because he came improperly dressed, he was thrown out of the palace.

The invitation to enter the kingdom of God is extended universally, but by no means all who receive it accept; some who accept do not honor it. "Many are called, but few are chosen." What Jesus experienced in His earthly ministry, His disciples experience today. In these parables Jesus showed the vast difference between nominal religion and true commitment to God. That difference still holds. Commitment to God is not doing what one would like to do, but is doing what God wants one to do.

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APPOMATTOX COUNTY FARMERS ASKED TO HELP IN USDA SURVEY

The costs that Appomattox County farmers and other producers across the State and Nation face in producing meat animals have increased sharply in recent years. Total production expenses for all agricultural products went from $44.8 billion in 1970 to $73.4 billion in 1974, an increase of 64 percent.

Robert E. Schooley, Statistician in Charge of the Virginia Crop Reporting Serving, points out that during March, several farmers in Appomattox County will be visited by Walter Overby, a trained enumerator from Appomattox, Virginia. The selected operators will be asked questions about the number and kinds of goods and services purchased in 1975 to produce beef cattle and hogs.

The survey results will provide a current measure of the production costs for meat animals and will help identify production needs and establish priorities for energy and other input requirements for the production of beef cattle and hogs.

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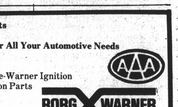

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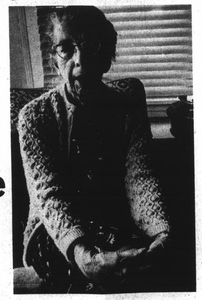

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Great-Grandmother Shares Talents with 5 Year Olds

Mrs. Hazel Harvey, originator of the Appomattox historical doll collection, thrilled students at the Appomattox Primary School on March 3, 1976. Mrs. Harvey is pictured above with her great-granddaughter, Jennifer. Jennifer Elder is holding famous "Doughgirl" doll. Students are learning about the lives of important Americans and their contributions these people made to America by viewing this famous doll exhibition.

USDA Announces Reduced 1976 Burley Tobacco Marketing Quota

A 5 percent reduction in 1976 farm marketing quotas of burley tobacco was announced Jan. 28, 1976 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This reduction is the maximum allowed by law and was taken to maintain supplies in line with demand.

The national marketing quota announced today is 630 million pounds - - - 40 million pounds below last year's quota. However, because of special provisions of the burley tobacco program, effective farm quotas for 1976 are expected to total about 727 million pounds - - - 3 percent less than last year.

Under current legislation, a farm that markets less than its quota of burley tobacco will have its quota raised the following year to make up the difference. Likewise, any marketing in excess of a farm's quota are reduced from the farm's quota for the following year. These provisions allow the total actual farm quotas in effect in a given year to be greater or smaller than the announced national marketing quota.

Notice of individual farm poundage quotas for 1976 will be mailed to farm operators by agricultural stabilization and conservation committee about March 15 - - the earliest date that adjustments can be made to reflect 1975 under and overmarketings. As in the past, a small amount of quota will be reserved in 1976 to establish quotas for farms having no burley history during the past five years, for correcting errors and for adjusting inequities.

Burley tobacco is grown principally in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

MISS BURK'S 5TH GRADE 4-H CLUB

On February 19, 1976 Miss Burk's 5th grade held its sixth 4-H Club meeting.

Our president, Dennis Fleshman, opened the meeting. Then we said the pledge to the American and 4-H flag. The recreation leaders, Lisa Puckett and Gary Booker, led us in a game of 7 up. The secretary, Ricky Carter, read the minutes of the last meeting.

Then the meeting was turned over to Mr. Sweet and Mr. Goldman. Mr. Sweet gave certificates to the ones who took part in public speaking. He told us about 4-H camp and some new projects. Mr. Goldman explained to us about the County Demonstration Contest which will be held in April.

Then the president adjourned the meeting.

Steve Cyrus, Reporter

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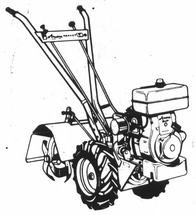

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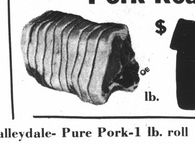

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